GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1062
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2008
DE- LINKING OF VADINAR AREA FROM KANDLA PORT
Gadhavi Shri Pushpdan Shambhudan;Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to de-link the Vadinar area from the Kandla Port limit;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Union Government is considering to include the Vadinar area in the Gujarat State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the compensation likely to be awarded to the State Government of Gujarat?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise, in view of (c) above.

(e): Vadinar, which was earlier a part of the minor port of Salaya, was included in the limits of Kandla Port-a major port, by a Gazette Notification No. PGK.44/74.II dated 1.5.1978, issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Shipping and Transport, in exercise of powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (I) of sub-Section (2) of Section (4) of the Indian Ports Act, 1908, with full agreement of the Government of Gujarat to establish an Offshore Oil Terminal at Vadinar within and under the jurisdiction of the Kandla Port Trust. The Government of Gujarat also through Notification dated 1.5.1978, published by the Public Works Department in Para IV-A of the Government Gazette dated 11.5.1978 accordingly altered and declared the revised limits of the Ports of Salaya. By these two Notifications, the Government of India and the State Government of Gujarat had vested the jurisdiction of Vadinar with the Major Port of Kandla authority, i.e. the Kandla Port Trust without any precondition.

The Kandla Port is fully empowered to enter into agreement with any other party within the provisions of Indian Ports Act and Major Port Trusts Act and therefore any compensation to the State Government of Gujarat in this regard does not arise.